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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

DANUT ALIN STANCA,

Petitioner,

v.

MICHAEL B. MUKASEY, Attorney
General,

Respondent.

No. 05-72549

Agency No. A096-154-396

MEMORANDUM *

On Petition for Review of an Order of the
Board of Immigration Appeals

Submitted December 17, 2008 **

Before: WALLACE, TROTT and RYMER, Circuit Judges.

Danut Alin Stanca, a native and citizen of Romania, petitions for review of the Board of Immigration Appeals' ("BIA") decision affirming the Immigration Judge's ("IJ") order denying his applications for asylum, withholding of removal,

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** The panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

and relief under the Convention Against Torture (“CAT”). We have jurisdiction under 8 U.S.C. § 1252. We review factual findings for substantial evidence, but we review purely legal questions de novo. *Nuru v. Gonzales*, 404 F.3d 1207, 1215 (9th Cir. 2005). We deny the petition.

The facts of this case do not compel a conclusion that Stanca was persecuted. *See Nagoulko v. INS*, 333 F.3d 1012, 1018 (9th Cir. 2003). Nor did Stanca establish an objectively reasonable well-founded fear of persecution. *See id.*

As to Stanca’s claim for CAT relief, Stanca has not offered any argument regarding grounds for reversal. Thus, Stanca has waived his challenge to the denial of his application for relief under CAT. *See Martinez-Serrano v. INS*, 94 F.3d 1256, 1259 (9th Cir. 1996).

PETITION FOR REVIEW DENIED.